

Kentucky Favored for NCAA Hoop Title

Louisville, Ky. (U)—Temple and Kansas State carry more impressive credentials and Seattle has its Elgie Taylor but the West and Kentucky have the fourth National Collegiate Basketball Championship.

The Wildcats (21-4), with more NCAA appearances (19) and more crowns (3) than any other college power, play stroking Y & M P (18-2). Tall and talented Kansas State (22-3) needs Seattle (25-3) in Friday's NCAA semifinals at 11,300-seat Freedom Hall.

Seats have long since been sold out for the two-day Blue Chip tournament which will determine North Carolina's successor as national champion. With standing room, the crowd may number 21,000, making it the largest indoor basketball gathering in history.

Many of them will be filled by Blue Grass partisans—ready, willing and hoping to celebrate Kentucky's return to basketball's pedestal.

It has been seven years since Baron Adolph Rupp's Southeastern Conference peripherals won their last National title, and even coach Rupp wasn't sure he had a possible contender this year with a team he called longer on experience than talent.

But one game changed all that—Kentucky's 59-36 annihilation of

strong Notre Dame in last Saturday's Midwestern Regional Final at Lexington. Home court advantage notwithstanding, that one was an eye-opener and a signal of caution to those anticipating a Temple-Kansas State final.

"It was our best game of the season," Rupp said. "and it might well have been our best game deceptively of all time. Our defense just killed 'em."

Even Frank McGuire of the 1957 champion North Carolina Tar Heels has put a foot—a timid one—on the Wildcats' bandwagon, calling them "a good bet to win" while conceding they'll fill a dark horse role.

The veteran, balanced Wildcats, triggered by Johnny Cox and Vernon Hatton, already hold one decision over the Eastern champion Temple club they face in Friday's 8:25 p.m. EST, opener. The Owl, still to hit the straits that carried them unbeaten through their last 25 games, lost to Kentucky 53-43 in three overtimes at Lexington last Dec. 7.

Officials today mistook a slight finger injury that caused Cox to miss practice yesterday and assumed all that Kentucky would be at full strength.

Two nights after losing to Kentucky, Temple dropped another to Cincinnati, then took off Shiny Sullivan as what new ranks as basketball.

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Gain after 'em...

Some very puzzling, yet interesting figures on license sales over the years come from the Oregon Game Commission. The puzzle comes with the resident combination licenses which have (believe it or not) dropped 14,500 from 1947 to 1957. This resident combination license also dropped in sales from 1956 to 1957. In 1956 the combination license sales was 94,061 as against 80,006 in 1957.

Don't be fooled, however, by the foregoing figures. Anglers and hunters have not decreased during the past 10 years. The total individual license sales for the year 1947 was 272,514 while in 1957 the figure jumped to 523,872.

We are greatly puzzled as to just why there has been such a terrific decline in combination license sales at the same time there has been such an increase in individual angler or hunter licenses. In 1947 there were 115,536 resident angling licenses sold in Oregon. In 1957, a ten-year period, the sales had jumped to 175,416. This is an average increase for the 10-year period of better than 5,000 anglers a year.

On the hunting scene the individual license sales run along the same lines. In 1947 there were 96,156 hunting licenses sold. The number climbed to 161,703 in 1957. This is better than 6,500 more hunters each year for the 10-year period between 1947 and 1957. However, there are about 6,500 fewer resident hunting licenses sold in 1957 than in 1956.

The annual increase of anglers in Oregon is about on a par with most of the other western states. In fact, nearly all of the 48 states show a substantial increase in angling and hunting license sales since 1947. Some states have not leaped ahead greatly in the hunting license department, but angling always has led hunting from coast to coast.

Good Run of Steelies in Santiam...

Steelhead anglers can begin to fish in all seriousness now, as there seems to be a good run of steelhead in the North Santiam river. In fact, since last Sunday, steelies have been taken or hooked from Nehalem all the way down river to Jefferson.

Best fishing from Green's Bridge to Jefferson has produced a little action and the fishing should continue to improve as long as the water conditions remain favorable. With new fish moving in to the river daily, the angling should be fair to good in the lower river as well as in the upper river.

Contrary to the thinking of many local anglers, it is obvious that steelhead start into the Santiam river long before the month of March. Some of the fish landed during the last few days have been spawners and were released. This fact is proof enough that some of the Santiam fish come into the river as early as January.

Over on the Alsea river some fresh run steelies are moving in, although the fishing is not reported as red-hot. The late fish are running in the 5-lb. bracket and are, according to most reports, females heavy with eggs.

Few Bright Fish in Wilson...

Most of the anglers still trying their luck on the Wilson are reporting nearly all of the fish as spawners. Very few fish from the Wilson are bright fish and anglers are beginning to give it up on that stream.

Fresh runs of steelhead are coming into the Willamette below Oregon City and appear for the most part, to be turning off into the Clackamas. With water conditions favorable, anglers should begin finding the fish in the neighborhood of Eagle Creek and Estacada.

There have been a few reports of steelhead being taken from the Abiqua and also from the Calapooya. Although it is a bit early for the two latter named streams, the runs will increase and fishing will improve on those two streams before another month has passed. In the meantime, we can begin to make ready for the opening of trout season come April 26.

Round Table to Face 8 In Gulfstream Handicap

MIAMI, Fla. (U)—Travis M. Kerr's Round Table probably will have eight opponents in Saturday's \$100,000 added Gulfstream Park Handicap, a check today indicated.

Round Table, top weighted under 130 pounds, will be ridden by Willie Shoemaker and is expected to be 4-1 choice at post time.

Opposing him in the mile and a quarter feature will be such handier performers as Christopher T. Cheney's Third Brother, under 116 pounds with Maudie Yeats up, and Brookmeade Stable's O'Garrahy, 111, under Sammy Bestmets.

O'Garrahy won the recent Widener Handicap at the same distance and Third Brother has earned more than \$200,000 during his career. They likely will be 4-1 in the betting.

Other probable starters, their weights and jockeys are: Mrs. Wallace Gilroy's Oh Johnny, 112, Robert Ussery; Tartan Stable's Meeting, 111, John Ruane; F. C. Rand Jr.'s St. Armour 2nd, 114, Willie Lester; Mrs. Ada L. Rice's Hoop Band, 110, Hedley Woodhouse; Mrs. Sue Young's Jumarino, 110, L. C. Cook, and D. & H. Stable's Pardaia, a hard-hitting mare who won the Black Helen Handicap, 108, with no rider assigned.

W. S. Miller's Better Bee, winner of the Appleton Handicap at the current Gulfstream Park

Bayer Nabs Lead in St. Petersburg Golf

Five Deadlocked in Second Place

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (U)—Big George Bayer whipped the wind and mud Thursday and charged into the lead after the first round of the St. Petersburg Open Golf Tournament.

The 6 feet 5 golfer from San Gabriel, Calif., who has been in a winter-long slump, posted a 34-34-68 for a two stroke margin over his nearest pursuers. Par is 72-35-71.

Winner of the 1951 Canadian Open title, Bayer's best showing so far this winter came in the Tijuana Open two months ago when he tied for 19th. His 68 is his best round since that tournament.

His six birdies included two stroke-saving putts of 25 feet. He bogied three holes.

Five players deadlocked for second spot in the \$15,000 tournament at 79. The one-under-par scores were posted by Dow Finsterwald of Tijuana, Fla.; Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa.; Bert Weaver of Beaumont, Tex.; Jack Lumpkin of Athens, Ga., a newcomer to the tour and Gay Brewer Jr., of Cincinnati.

Mike Fitchick of Yonkers, N. Y., winner of this event in 1956, Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio; Sam Urethane of Rochester, N. Y., and Don Whitte of Alameda, Calif., tied for seventh with 71.

Sixes classes after two rainy days but the 6,500-yard Pasadena Golf Club course was angry with mud. Shifft gusty winds whipped across the fairways. Puddles stood in almost every fairway and many of the sand traps were ponded. Players were urged to clean the ball after every shot.

Defending champion Pete Cope of Lakeland, Fla., took a 74.

Tom Nisporis of Cincinnati disqualified himself after discovering he had certified his score as 73. Actually he shot 74.

Tournament At a Glance

- ### A-1 At Eugene
- #### FRIDAY'S GAMES (Consolation Bracket)
- 9:45 a.m.—Springfield vs. Beaverton
 - 11 a.m.—St. Helens vs. Grants Pass
 - 2 p.m.—Pendleton vs. Roosevelt
 - 3:15 p.m.—Hermiston vs. Astoria
- #### (Championship Bracket)
- 7:30 p.m.—Franklin vs. Klamath Falls
 - 8:45 p.m.—Roseburg vs. Grant
- #### THURSDAY'S RESULTS
- Springfield 71, McMinnville 50
Beaverton 54, North Salem 35
St. Helens 66, Bend 55
Grants Pass 55, Corvallis 49
Franklin 49, Pendleton 45
Klamath Falls 54, Roosevelt 42
Roseburg 57, Hermiston 49
Grant 55, Astoria 40
- #### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
- Klamath Falls 70, Beaverton 62
Roosevelt 42, North Salem 40 (Overtime)
Hermiston 48, St. Helens 47
Roseburg 39, Bend 28
Astoria 67, Grants Pass 38
Grant 67, Corvallis 45
- #### TUESDAY'S RESULTS
- Pendleton 63, McMinnville 45
Franklin 61, Springfield 51

Grid Position To Hammer

EUGENE (U)—Willard Hammer, an assistant football coach at the University of Oregon since 1953, Thursday was named head football coach at Iowa State Teachers College.

Hammer said he will leave for Cedar Falls, Iowa, early in April to supervise spring training at the North Central Conference school.

Hammer, 38, will succeed C. L. Starbuck—who died Dec. 21—and will be given the rank of assistant professor.

Hammer came to the University of Oregon after being an assistant coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and at Springfield (Mass.) College.

In his five seasons at Oregon, Hammer also has been varsity wrestling coach.

Oregon Athletic Director Leo Harris said he and head coach Len Casanova will meet soon to name a successor to Hammer.

Harris also announced Thursday that Phil McHugh, a former Oregon end, will become a freshman football coach when he is discharged from the Army in April.

Chisox Doctor Dies

CHICAGO (U)—Dr. John Daniel Claridge, 66, orthopedic surgeon who had many prominent patients among his patients, died Thursday from a heart attack.

He was regular attending surgeon for the Chicago White Sox baseball team and Chicago Cardinals football team.

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It Just Looks Like a Wrestling Match



EUGENE, Ore.—Beaverton and North Salem prepsters are all piled up in action at the Class A-1 basketball tournament under way here. Salem forward Homer Woods (11) has the ball which Beaver center Marv Wolmuth (45) seems to want. Other player is Viking center Dick Scoggin (16). North Salem lost, 56-36, and was eliminated from the tourney. (AP Wirephoto)

Daniels, Barnett Rate Most Votes For Little All-American Cage Five

NEW YORK (U)—Jim Daniels of South Dakota and Dick Barnett of Tennessee State, who led their teams to the NCAA Small College and the NAIA championships, respectively, top the 1958 Little All-American Basketball All-American selected Thursday by the Associated Press.

Jim Smith of Steubenville (Ohio), Mel Peterson of Wheaton (Ill.) and Bennie Swain of Texas Southern round out the first team determined on the basis of recommendations of sportswriters and broadcasters throughout the country.

Similar to the makeup of the big All-American announced several weeks ago four players on the first team are Negroes—Daniels, Barnett, Smith and Swain.

Three of the leading small college players in New England—Rudy Finderson of Brandeis, Dick Kross of American International and Nick Nicodemo, St. Michaels (Vt.), were named on the second team along with Ed Kazakovich of Scranton and Vern Baggenstoss of St. Cloud (Minn.) teachers.

Jim Bursell of Pasadena (Calif.); Al Pursell of Coe; Bill McAlone, of Western Illinois; Charles Gros of Georgetown (Ky.) and Bob Hamblin of Chapman (Calif.) were picked as a third team.

Jerry Barnett, a little 5-6 dribbling wizard from Arkansas State and Jack Milam of Western Illinois head an honorable mention list of 62.

At 5-11, Daniels, a Brooklyn lad who found fame at South Dakota, led the Coyotes to an upset victory over defending champion Wheaton in the semifinals of the

NCAA small college tourney. Daniels then followed through with 40 points as South Dakota trimmed St. Michaels (Vt.) in the championship game.

Barnett, moving up from the 1957 third team, spaced Tennessee State to its second straight NAIA championship. In the title game, against previously unbeaten Western Illinois, he tossed in 31 points. He stands 6-3 and is a junior.

Under the rules that determine what teams are major, recommendations for players from Butler, Kentucky Wesleyan, Gonzaga, Florida State, St. Francis (Pa.) Providence were not considered.

Little All-American Basketball Teams

FIRST TEAM	BY CLASS
Smith, Steubenville	6-4 Senior
Daniels, South Dakota	5-11 Senior
Peterson, Wheaton	6-2 Junior
Barnett, Tenn. State	5-6 Junior
Swain, Texas Southern	6-3 Senior
SECOND TEAM	
Finderson, Brandeis	6-3 Senior
Kross, American Int.	6-3 Senior
Baggenstoss, St. Cloud	6-3 Junior
Kazakovich, Scranton	6-10 Junior
Nicodemo, St. Michaels	5-10 Junior
THIRD TEAM	
Pursell, Coe	6-4 Senior
McAlone, Western Ill.	6-2 Senior
Bursell, Pasadena	6-2 Senior
Gros, Georgetown	6-3 Junior
Hamblin, Chapman	6-3 Junior

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